

# Kikongo

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Kikongo kana Kituba mutauro weBantu unowanikwa kuDemocratic Republic of Congo.

## Mazwi Anotodza Shona

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- Izwi rokuti mwana (Child) ndiro rimwe kuShona neKikongo.
- Izwi rokuti kudya kana **kudia** (to eat) rimwechete kuShona neKikongo.
- Izwi rokuti kunwa (to drink) rimwechete kuShona neKikongo.
- VaKongo vanoti **kwiza** (to come) kureva kuuya. Kuza zvinoreva kuuuya muChiShona; sokuti Muzanebanga akauya nebanga.
- VaKongo vanoti **kwenda** (to go) kureva kuenda.
- VaKongo vanoti **kubanda** (to begin, to start) kureva kutanga. Fananidzai nezwi rokuti chipande.
- VaKongo vanoti **nzila** (path) kureva nzira.
- VaKongo vanoti **muntu** (person, someone) kureva munhu.
- VaKongo vanoti **kuwa** (to hear) kureva kunzwa kana kuhwa.
- VaKongo vanoti **ndeke** (bird) kureva shiri.
- VaKongo vanoti **nkuni** (wood) kureva huni.
- VaKongo vanoti **mvula** (rain) kureva kunaya kwemvura.
- VaKongo vanoti **mvula** (year) kureva **gore**.
- VaKongo vanoti **tata** (father) kureva baba.
- VaKongo vanoti **insi** (country, ground, under, below) kureva pasi.
- VaKongo vanoti **nsinga** (rope, cord) kureva tambo.
- VaKongo vanoti **nene** (large, big) kureva chikuru.
- VaKongo vanoti **meza** (table) kureva tafura.
- VaKongo vanoti **kufwa** (to die) kureva kufa.
- VaKongo vanoti **fukama** (kneel) kureva kupfugama.
- VaKongo vanoti **mfumu** (king) kureva mambo. Vanobva vati **kimfumu** (Kingdom).

## Mamwe Mazwi

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- VaKongo vanoti **kusala** (to work, to do) kureva kushanda kana kuita. Vanoti **kisalu** (n. work, job).
- VaKongo vanoti **kuzaba** (to know) kureva kuziva.
- VaKongo vanoti **lukaya** kana **makaya** pakuwanda (leaf) kureva shizha.
- VaKongo vanoti **mpangi** (sibling) kureva mwananyina.
- VaKongo vanoti **mbongo** (money) kureva mari.
- VaKongo vanoti **ndombe** (black, negro) kureva munhu mutema.
- VaKongo vanoti **ntalu** (price, value, figure, number) kureva mutengo.
- VaKongo vanoti **ngolo** (hard, strong) kureva hukukutu.
- VaKongo vanoti **zoba** (stupid) kureva dununu.
- VaKongo vanoti **mbote** (good) kureva chakanaka.
- VaKongo vanoti **zenga** (decide).

## Zvivakashure Ki kana U

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Pano pari kutsanangurwa kuumbwa kwemazwi kubva pane mamwe mazwi kuchishandiswa zvivakashure **Ki-** kana **U-** pekutanga kwemazwi iwaya.

- **Ki** prefix applied to nouns to express the abstract idea, office, condition or quality connected with them; equivalent to the English suffixes --**ship**, **-ness** and **-dom** etc. For example **Ngulu** (pig) forms the word **kingulu** (piggishness). **Bamba** (a broker) forms the word **kibamba**. So it denotes the nature, attributes, office, habit, customs, perquisites or rights possessed by or characterizing the person or thing denoted by the noun from which it is formed.
- The prefix **U-** denotes the inherent quality which imparts the nature, condition, office etc. while the prefix **Ki-** denotes and characterizes the condition, privilege, power etc. incident to the possession of a certain nature, condition or office.
- So prefix **Ki-** imparts something; and **U-** is due to its possession.
- Thus from **ngulu** (a pig) comes **ungulu**, piggish nature - those qualities and that physical structure which is essential in a pig; **kingulu**, the habits of a pig, that which evidences a piggish nature.

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